

L&I's 2003 Performance Agreement Framing – Leveling the Playing Field

In July 2001 L&I launched a program to bring all residential wood framers in compliance with laws on workplace safety and workers' compensation. The workers' compensation goal was to increase the number of hours reported in the framing industry. The purpose of this goal was to reduce the overall industrial insurance rate for the industry.

What is the Target?

The target on the 2003 L&I Performance Agreement Scorecard is to increase the number of employers in the residential wood framing industry who report doing framing work.

What are the results? ●

Our target for the second quarter was to increase by 15% the number of framing employers reporting hours worked, to a total of 5,150 employers. The result was a 5% increase over the baseline (i.e., 4,813 employers).

While not achieving the target, the second quarter result is the largest number of employer accounts that reported hours since the framing risk class was established in 1996. In addition, the initiative has led to other positive results. During the second quarter, we did 320 audits (i.e., four times the baseline) and 60 employers who were not registered now have accounts (i.e., double the baseline).

The Audit program has played a huge role in achieving the results we have seen. Reaching the goal will depend on efforts of many other parts of the organization.

What's next?

A Breakthrough team was launched in December to find ways of identifying framing employers who have worker's compensation accounts with the department but do not report the hours they work. The first results from the breakthrough team are expected by April 15, 2003.

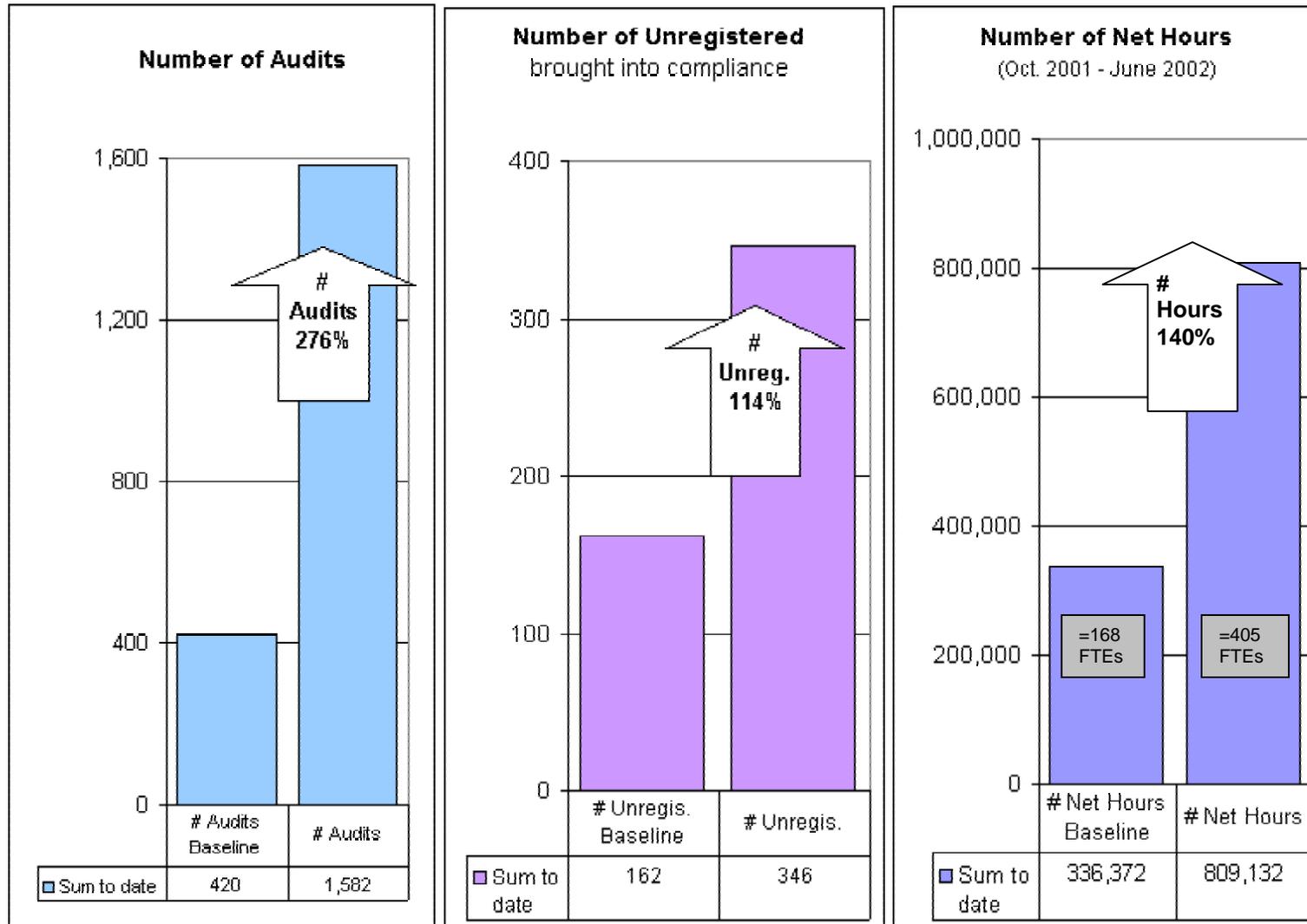
Outreach efforts with the building industry are ongoing. A meeting with the BIAW's Spokane Homebuilders chapter to discuss the impact of the framing project was held in December.

Agency efforts to improve data sharing and cross matching between L&I programs and with other agencies are ongoing.



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18 months : July 2001 - December 2002





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